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SUBJ: JOINT COMMISSION: ECONOMY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE - TRANS-
PORTATION SURVEYS

REF: A. STATE 63767 B. TEHRAN 2448 C. STATE 44990 D. STATE 68703

1. EMBASSY PUZZLED OVER INFO IN REFTEL (A) THAT DOT IS "IN PROCESS
OF ASSEMBLING SURVEY TEAMS IN TRANSPORTATION-RELATED AREAS DIS-
CUSSED WITH IRANIANS DURING RECENT TEHRAN AND WASHINGTON MEETINGS"
IN VIEW OF ACTIVITIES ALREADY UNDERWAY IN THIS FIELD. WE BELIEVE
THAT NEED FOR "SURVEY" TEAMS SHOULD BE REVIEWED IN LIGHT OF
FOLLOWING:

A. PORTS AND SHIPPING: EMBASSY AND USDOC HAVE HAD VOLUNINOUS COR-
RESPONDENCE OVER LAST THREE MONTHS CONCERNING TIMING, COMPOSITION
AND APPOINTMENTS FOR USDOC-SPONSORED TRADE MISSION SCHEDULED
ARRIVE APRIL 13, ADVANCED BY AND ACCOMPANIED BY DEPARTMENT OF COM-
MERCE PERSONNEL. TO ENSURE EFFICIENT USE OF US RESOURCES AND, MORE
IMPORTANTLY, TO AVOID REDUNDANT APPOINTMENTS WITH THE LIMITED NUMBER
OF BUSY GOI OFFICIALS CONCERNED WITH THIS AREA, QUESTIONS OF A
SURVEY NATURE SHOULD BE INCORPORATED IN THE ACTIVITIES OF THE
MISSION, WHICH WILL BE VISITING ON SITE IN KHORRAMSHAHR AS WELL
AS IN TEHRAN.

B. AIRPORTS: CONSTRUCTION OF MAJOR AIRPORT PROJECT ISFAHAN IS
ALREADY UNDERWAY AND TAMS HAS CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF TEHRAN
AIRPORT. AT THIS JUNCTURE SEE NO NEED FOR SURVEY TEAM UNTIL POS-
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SIBLE GOI PLANS FOR NUMBER OF SECONDARY AIRPORTS FURTHER ALONG.

C. RAILROADS. OPPORTUNITIES HAVE BEEN REPORTED PREVIOUSLY. WE SEE NO FURTHER POTENTIAL WHICH SURVEY TEAM COULD UNCOVER AT THIS TIME.

D. URBAN TRANSPORTATION: IN RESPONSE TO REF (B), EMBASSY HAS JUST OUTLINED URBAN TRANSPORTATION REQUIREMENTS AND SEES NO NEED AT PRESENT TIME FOR SURVEY TEAM.

2. IN ANY CASE, PRESENCE OF FIVE TRADE MISSIONS IRAN IN APRIL AND RENEWED INFLUX OF US BUSINESS VISITORS FOLLOWING NOW-RUZ LULL PRECLUDES EMBASSY FROM GIVING APPROPRIATE SUPPORT TO SUCH GROUPS. IF STILL DEEMED NECESSARY, GROUP(S) SHOULD DELAY UNTIL AT A MINIMUM MAY OR JUNE.

3. IN VIEW OF FOREGOING HAVE DELETED PARAS 3(D) AND PARA 7 OF STATE 68703 TABOR MESSAGE TO MEHRAN FOR TIME BEING.

4. PLEASE ADVISE ASAP.
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